

AFFAIRS AT THE NAVY YARD

WRECK OF A BRIG DELAYS WORK ON
THE COFFER DAM FOR THE
NEW DRYDOCK

WORK IN THE CHOPS SLACK—A BUSY PROGRAMME
FOR THE BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS
NEXT YEAR—CHANGES IN AS-
SIGNMENTS.

As it is confirmation of the statement made by the superstitious that a full-grown "hoodoo" is at work in connection with the big drydock in the yard, word was received yesterday afternoon that the brig Robert Dillon, which had been dispatched by Naval Constructor Bowies in tow of the yard tug Nina to Brunswick, Ga., after a cargo of timber for the coffer dam under construction, had gone ashore in a storm near Hatteras, and was in a fair way of going to pieces. The report had it that the tug also had gone ashore, but had got off without damage. This, in connection with the wreck of the John Paul, on the Florida coast, loaded with timbers for the work, makes a complication which is likely to delay the work more than had been counted on a week ago. No report in detail had been received from Lieutenant Dougherty, who was in charge of the expedition, nor from Captain Bell, of the Nina, at a late hour yesterday, but of course there is a great question as to what the vessels were doing so close inshore that they should strike, unless the storm had been one of exceptional violence or of extremely long duration. A schooner was expected at the yard yesterday with timber, but the cargo she is known to have on board is not of a sort which would go far toward expediting the work, as the sheet-piling is the most important material of the various classes needed at present.

All the stuff available, however, is being used up, and somehow or other there seems to be something going on in connection with the big job all the time. Workmen are busy making diagonal and cross braces, and while the big driving machines are not doing much, the under-water work is going ahead at a fair rate.

LITTLE WORK IN THE SHOPS.

Work in nearly all the shops in the yard is at a low ebb, partly from a shortness of funds, and partly from a lack of important jobs outside of the repairs and rebuilding operations on the Chicago and the Atlanta. The Montgomery left the yard yesterday and went up the Hudson River to fire a National salute in honor of the anniversary of the Battle of Harlem Heights. She is bound for Gardner's Bay for target practice and general drill work, and will probably join the fleet at an early date. The Helena will not be ready for sea before early next month, and the Puritan, which was floated from the timber dock yesterday afternoon, looking as pretty as a little red wagon in her new paint, will require about a month for the completion of repairs. The other monitor at the yard, the Trevor, is all ready for sea, and was expected to leave the yard yesterday afternoon. She will not make an extended cruise, her probable course being a trip to Tompkinsville, and occasional run out to sea for gun practice and drill work, with a possible long run as an engine test. Several dock trials of her machinery have been recently, and no serious defects have been apparent. The big tug Traffic was lost out of the stone dock yesterday, and will be ready for business in about a week.

GYCUM BUILDING ALTERATIONS FINISHED.

The alterations in the Lyceum Building, the official headquarters of the yard, have been completed, and it is expected that Commodore Buncle will move into his new quarters to-morrow. The addition to the space of the building made by the carrying of the body of the building out to the line of pillars above the first floor has been made for a long time, and will be drydock engine-house is nearly completed, and the removal of the old structures at the head of the coal wharf is practically ended. There will be considerable work next year under the care of the Yards and Docks Bureau, as the budget submitted by the Secretary calls for the expenditure of \$2,000,000. The second year operations which include finishing the main hall and the coal wharf, dredging, grading, sewerage and paving streets, additional storerooms, additions to the electric system and other work. Just at present the work of the Bureau is carried on by Chief Engineer Menocal alone, as one of his assistants, U. S. G. White, is away on a leave of absence which does not expire until December.

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CHANGES OF THE WEEK.

The following changes in assignments, affecting officers and ships of this station, are among those made by the Department in the last week:

Commander A. H. B. Little, detached from New-York Yard, October 25, and to command the Vickburg, October 25.

Lieutenant-Commander D. Kennedy, formerly of New-York, appointed assistant inspector, Eleventh Lighthouse District, Detroit, Mich., November 1.

Inspector E. C. Foiger is detached.

Captain R. Holman, detached from the Montgomery and ordered to the Texas.

Ensign J. V. Klemann, detached from the Terror and ordered to the Wilmington as watch and division officer.

Ensign F. L. Sawyer order to the Wilmington as watch and division officer.

Ensign H. H. Hough, detached from Bliss & Co's

Presents for Fall Weddings.

NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY.

MURDERERS' VICTIMS BURIED

FUNERAL OF MRS. ZANE AND MRS. SHAW
HELD IN CAMDEN

YOUNG ELI SHAW, WHO IS CHARGED WITH THE
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